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SUBJECT: ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - KHMER REPRESENTATION

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1. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH KHMER AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS ALREADY MADE REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT TO GUB MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE SAID MFA (U THOUNG HTAIK, DIRECTOR, POLITICAL DEPT) INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR GKR POSITION BUT SAID FINAL DECISION AS TO BURMESE ACTION AT CONFERENCE WOULD BE MADE BY "HIGHER AUTHORITIES" (CHAIRMAN NE WIN). THOUNG HTAIK ALSO REMARKED THAT GUB VIEWED CONFERENCE WITHOUT MUCH FAVOR, SINCE IT WOULD DOUBTLESS BE "ALL TALK AND NOTHING ACCOMPLISHED."

2. BASIC BURMESE VIEWS ON LEGITIMACY OF GKR AND IMPROPRIETY OF SEATING GRUNK DELEGATION ARE CLEAR, THOUGH NORMALLY NOT EXPLICITLY EXPRESSED. GUB WAS FIRST COUNTRY TO ACCEPT AMBASSADOR WITH NEW CREDENTIALS ISSUED BY GKR, AND HAS NEVER PERMITTED VISIT BY GRUNK REPRESENTATIVES. GUB CORDIALLY RECEIVED GKR SPECIAL AMBASSADOR SAK SUTSAKHAN IN MAY, AND WE UNDERSTAND FROM KHMER EMBOFF THAT IT WAS AT GUB REQUEST THAT VISIT WAS ELEVATED FROM INFORMAL TO OFFICIAL STATUS.

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EM IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, I BELIEVE IT WOULD DO NO GOOD AND MIGHT HARM GKR POSITION FOR USG TO MAKE OFFICIAL DEMARCHE TO GUB CONCERNING ALGIERS CONFERENCE. I DID HAVE OCCASION TO RAISE SUBJECT BRIEFLY AND INFORMALLY WITH THOUNG KTAIKE AUGUST 2, STRESSING INCONGRUITY OF EXCLUDING LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT LOCATED IN CAMBODIA IN FAVOR OF ONE BASED IN FOREIGN COUNTRY.

4. GKR EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO URGE GUB TO EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO SEATING GRUNK AND, IF THERE ARE NO SERIOUSLY UNFAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN MILITARY SITUATION, HAS GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. BELIEVE PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM LONG BORET TO BURMESE FOREIGN MINISTER U KYAW SOE (WHO WILL BE ATTENDING ALGIERS CONFERENCE) WOULD BE USEFUL, AS WOULD MALAYSIAN/INDONESIAN REQUESTS FOR BURMESE HELP IN BLOCKING SEATING OF GURNK. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE PERSONAL VISIT BY LONG BORET PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF PRESSURES OF WORK ON ALREADY OVERBURDENED MFA OFFICIALS.
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